

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 119(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS REINBOLD, Myers

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to oaths of office; and requiring public officers to read the state**
2 **constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the United States Constitution."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.12.090 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 14.12.090. Oath.** School board members, before taking office, shall read
6 the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the
7 Constitution of the United States and shall take, [AND] sign, and file with the
8 applicable school board the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or
9 affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the
10 Constitution of the State of Alaska and that I will honestly, faithfully, and impartially
11 discharge my duties as a school board member to the best of my ability."

12 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.65.010(c) is amended to read:

13 (c) Each special officer shall carry identification issued by the commissioner
14 of public safety and shall carry firearms in the manner the commissioner of public

safety requires. Each person appointed shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take, sign, and file with the division in the Department of Education and Early Development responsible for state libraries, archives, and museums the constitutional oath of office. Persons appointed may hold other public or private employment.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 22.05.090 is amended to read:

Sec. 22.05.090. Oath of office. Each supreme court justice, upon entering office, shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take, sign, and file with the division in the Department of Education and Early Development responsible for state libraries, archives, and museums [AND SUBSCRIBE TO] an oath of office required of all officers under the constitution and any further oath or affirmation that may be prescribed by law.

* **Sec. 4.** AS 22.07.050 is amended to read:

Sec. 22.07.050. Oath of office. Each judge of the court of appeals, upon entering office, shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take, sign, and file with the division in the Department of Education and Early Development responsible for state libraries, archives, and museums [AND SUBSCRIBE TO] the oath or affirmation of office required of all officers under the constitution.

* **Sec. 5.** AS 22.10.110 is amended to read:

Sec. 22.10.110. Oath of office. Each superior court judge, upon entering office, shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take, sign, and file with the division in the Department of Education and Early Development responsible for state libraries, archives, and museums [AND SUBSCRIBE TO] an oath of office required of all officers under the constitution and any further oath or affirmation as may be prescribed by law.

* **Sec. 6.** AS 22.15.180 is amended to read:

1 **Sec. 22.15.180. Oath of office.** Each district judge and magistrate, upon
 2 entering office, shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the
 3 Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take,
 4 sign, and file with the division in the Department of Education and Early
 5 Development responsible for state libraries, archives, and museums [AND
 6 SUBSCRIBE TO] an oath of office required of all officers under the constitution and
 7 any further oath or affirmation that may be prescribed by law.

8 * **Sec. 7.** AS 24.05.060 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 24.05.060. Disqualifications.** A person is not qualified for membership in
 10 the legislature who is disqualified to hold public office under the provisions of art.
 11 XII, sec. 4, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and as it may be implemented by law.
 12 Each member of the legislature, before entering upon the duties of the office, shall,
 13 after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of
 14 Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take, sign, and file with
 15 the division in the Department of Education and Early Development responsible
 16 for state libraries, archives, and museums the oath of office prescribed in art. XII,
 17 sec. 5, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and such further oath or affirmation
 18 prescribed by law for members of the legislature or other officers of the state.

19 * **Sec. 8.** AS 29.20.600 is amended to read:

20 **Sec. 29.20.600. Oaths of office.** Before taking office a municipal official shall,
 21 after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of
 22 Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, affirm in writing that the
 23 duties of the office will be honestly, faithfully, and impartially performed by the
 24 official. The oath is filed with the municipal clerk.

25 * **Sec. 9.** AS 39.05.040 is amended to read:

26 **Sec. 39.05.040. Oaths for executive officers, boards.** The principal executive
 27 officer of each department and the member of each board within the state government
 28 shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of
 29 Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take, sign, and file with
 30 the division in the Department of Education and Early Development responsible
 31 for state libraries, archives, and museums the oath of office required by the

1 constitution before entering upon the duties of office.

2 * **Sec. 10.** AS 39.05.045 is amended to read:

3 **Sec. 39.05.045. Oaths for other employees.** A public officer or employee of
 4 the state, before entering upon the duties of office, shall **read the Constitution of the**
 5 **State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the**
 6 **United States and** take, [AND] sign, **and file with the division in the Department**
 7 **of Education and Early Development responsible for state libraries, archives, and**
 8 **museums** the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I
 9 will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of
 10 the State of Alaska, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as
 11 to the best of my ability."